को बोगी और उसकी गति सीमा को बढ़ाने पर विचार करेंगे ?

श्री माधव राव सिंधिया : माननीय सदस्य के दोनों सुझावों पर विचार अवश्य किया जायेगा ।

श्री नत्था सिंह : उपसभापति महोदया, आपके माध्यम से मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कलकत्ता से दिल्ली के लिये तूफान एक्सप्रेस जो चलती है वह गाड़ी लाइन साफ न होने के कारण दो घंटे आगरा में खड़ी रहती है । दूसरी बात माननीय उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि आगरा फोर्ट से ईगदाह और सीकरी फतेहपुर जहां कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा टूरिस्ट उतरते हैं, फतेहपुर सीकरी पर, फतेहपुर सीकरी से बयाना और बयाना से भरतपुर और मथुरा होते हुए दिल्ली आए यानि ढाई घंटे तूफान एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी जो आगरा में पड़ी रहती है वह बयाना हो कर मथुरा आ सकती है । इसलिए मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं जो बात मैं कह रहा हूं इस पर आप ध्यान देंगे और यदि ध्यान देंगे तो कब तक देंगे !

श्री माधव राव सिंधिया : माननीया, जहां तक मेरी जानकारी है ट्रेन दो घंटे आउरा में नहीं रुक सकती और माननीय सदस्य का जो सुझाव है वह व्यवहारिक नहीं है ।

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : उपसभापति महोदया, तूफान एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी का जिस समय नामकरण किया गया था उस समय यह वास्तव में तूफान गाड़ी थी लेकिन आज यह गाड़ी साधारण हवा के समान भी नहीं चलती है । या तो मंत्री महोदय इस गाड़ी की स्पीड तूफान जैसी जैसे पहले सब से फास्टेस्ट थी उस रूप में ले आ या इस गाड़ी का नाम बदली करें तब तो शायद इसका कुछ निराकरण कर सकेंगे । **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : आपको किसी दूसरे नाम का सुझाव देना है क्या ?

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : सुझाव तो दें लेकिन जब इसका नाम तूफान एक्सप्रेस है तो यह साधारण गाड़ी की तरह लेट चल रही है और यदि किसी साधारण गाड़ी के रूप में इसका नामकरण कर दिया गया तो यह गाड़ी और भी बेकार हो जाएगी । जिस तरह से यह गाड़ी मथुरा, वृंदावन होते हुए जाती है उसी तरह से हिन्दुस्तान का सब से बड़ा तीर्थस्थल देवघर है जहां सावन में प्रतिदिन एक लाख तीर्थ यात्री जाते हैं । **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : आप तो तूफान जैसे चल रहे हैं, आप अब सवाल पूछिए । **(व्यवधान)**

एक माननीय सदस्य : इन पर सवाल का असर हो गया है । **(व्यवधान)**

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : सवाल यह है कि यह गाड़ी इतने तीर्थ स्थानों को छू कर जाती है इसकी इसी रूप में परिचालन भी होना चाहिए वह नहीं हो रहा है। सचमुच में जितने तीर्थस्थलों को टच कर के यह गाड़ी जाती है उन तीर्थ स्थलों के हिसाब से इस गाड़ी का नामकरण भी तथा चालचलन भी हो । **(व्यवधान)**

एक माननीय सदस्य : मन्त्री जी ने कोई उत्तर नहीं दिया ।

Accidental hitting of Air India Jumbo Jet to another Plane at New York Airport

*225. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:†
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India Jumbo Jet hit another plane at New York's John. F. Kennedy airport in June this year;

(b) whether any damage was caused to the aircraft; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Dharam Chander Prashant.

(c) what remedial steps have been aken to avoid such accidents in uture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The pilot-in-command of the Air India aircraft was put on the roster to do two round checks Bombay-New York-Bombay, before utilising him as pilot-in-command. The co-pilot of the Air India aircraft was also askd to undergo to four round checks Bombay-New York-Bombay, before being released to fly.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Madam, in reply to Part (b), the Minister said damage was caused to the aircraft. I would like to ask what extent of damage was caused to the aircraft.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: The aircraft suffered minor damages and the total damage was to the tune of 1,575 Dollars.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Is the exercise of putting the aircraft on roster or round checks enough to avoid such accident?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: It is for the D.G.C.A. to decide and this is what they decided.

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Pilots should undergo training. Is enough training given to them?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: If you were to have the background of the accident, I think this was more than enough.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: The Jumbo aircraft was taxing at J. F. [illegible] that time it was running. And the flying Control, it is stated in the news item, gave clearance .... (*Interruption*) I would like to ask the honourable Minister whether a court of inquiry had gone into this and whether the court of inquiry had passed any stricture aginst the Flying Control for having given permission for the aircraft to go in that direction when another aircraft was coming in the opposite direction.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: It is not the fault of our aircraft. It is actually the fault of the smaller aircraft which is Gulf Stream aircraft which was supposed to have been parked after crossing the runway. That aircraft did not park itself properly and it came in the way of the taxi-way of Air India's jumbo.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Was there a court of inquiry?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Well, they did have a court of inquiry—not a court of inquiry but they had an inspection done, and I have told you of the result that came out.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Would the Minister kindly inform the House whether this is an usual kind of an accident taking place at the JFK or it is an unusual kind of a thing? I believe that such accidents are not taking place in the normal course. I want to know whether, under these circumstances, action has been taken against the Gulf aircraft for recovery of the damage done to Air India.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I do not know whether we should try for recovery because, as I said, it was a minor damage; it cost us only about US dollar 1500/-.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: You have not answered whether it was an usual kind of an accident.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: As far as Air India is concerned, it does not take place usually.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I would like to ask the Minister whether the usual practice with regard to such accidents has been followed in this case. If it has not been followed, what are the reasons? If it has been followed, what has been the recommendation?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: No aircraft captain violates the directions either on the runway or when flying. He has to follow certain set patterns. I do not know what exactly the honourable Member wants to know.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: What is the usual practice when such accidents occur? Has any inquiry or investigation been conducted?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: There has been a proper investigation. I think Mr. Kalmadi also asked that question. Yes, they did. The practice has been followed by the Federal Authority of America.

Outdated Equipment at Airports

*226. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL†
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various equipments used at the different airports in the country are outdated and out of use;

(b) whether Government propose to instal latest equipment at the different airports;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the traffic flo at these airports is likely to b streamlined thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE O THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND THE MINISTER O STATE OF THE MINISTRY O TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYT LER): (a) The equipment used a the airports conform to the Interna tional Civil Aviation Oarganisatio ICAO) specifications and are i regular operation.

(b) The replacement of old b modern equipment is a continuin process which is implemented in phased manner, depending upon th availability of resources.

(c) The proposals presently unde consideration/execution relate to:—

(i) Modernisation of the Ai Traffic Control Systems at airports

(ii) Installation of Instrumen Landing Systems;

(iii) Improvements in the Nigh Landing Facilities;

(iv) Improvements in, and aug mentation of, Navigational and Communication Aids; and

(v) Augmentation of Fire Fighting Equipment.

(d) Introduction of new equipment/facilities is certainly expected to result in better and more efficient Air Traffic Control.

श्री हरवेन्द्र सिंह हंसपाल : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो एयर ट्राफिक कंट्रोल रूप इक्विपमेंट हैं उनकी क्या पोजीशन है ? रिपोर्ट यह है कि वे आउट डेटेट हैं और हमारे जो मोस्ट सोफिसटिकेटेड एयरोप्लेन्स हैं उनको वे कंट्रोल करते हैं, हालांकि वे इक्विपमेंटस आउट डेटेड हैं तो आपको इसमें क्या कहना है ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Every-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Harvendra Singh Hans[illegible]